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  earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *09 June 2003* .

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is
   closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-44* is/are pending in the application.

   4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-8,12-22,31-38 and 42-44* is/are rejected.

7)☒ Claim(s) *9-11,23-30 and 39-41* is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

   If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

   a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

   1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

   2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

   3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage
      application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
   * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

   a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .   6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to the applicant' response filed 6/9/2003. Applicant's

request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive

and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn. Claims 1-8, 12-22 & 31-44 are pending in

the application. Detailed action is followed:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2.   Claims 1-8, 12-22, 31-38 & 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Lin et al. (U.s. Patent No. 6282575 B1) in view of Lemaire et al. (U.S. Patent

No. 6208149 B1).

- With respect to claims 1-2, 4, 31-35 & 42-44, Lin teaches a method and apparatus for

routing management in a network, which interpreted as a user in a data communications network,

which comprises: obtaining a user service profile for the user in response to a user log-in attempt

to a service selection gateway (block 202, 204 in Fig. 3); routing all packets originated by the

user through the SSG during the session and passing the packets on to the data communications

network (block 214 in Fig. 3). Lin fails to teach setting the QoS bits accordance with the QoS

level for the user. Lemaire teaches setting the QoS information in header, which is interpreted as

inserting bit into header, for data units that are associated with a flow (col. 1, lines 30-41), for

guarantee the quality of service and connection to the user. Therefore, it would have been

obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to

implement the QoS method in Lemaire's invention into Lin for protecting the connection of the

user in network and guarantee for the quality of service with the user.

- With respect to claim 3, Lin teaches a method and apparatus for providing computer

network, which interpreted as a method of setting a user in a data communications network,

which comprises: initiating a request to an authentication, authorization and accounting server in

response to the user's attempt to log-in (block 202, 204 in Fig. 3); receiving, in response to the

request, a user service profile corresponding to the user (steps 204-208 in Fig. 3). Lin fails to

teach the user service profile including a Quality of Service field and using the Quality of

Service field to set QoS bits within packets transmitted by the user. Lemaire teaches the user

service profile including a Quality of Service field (e.g. the QoS information in the header of

packet) and using the Quality of Service field to set QoS bits within packets transmitted by the

user (col. 3, lines 41-44) for protection error and guarantee of connection for user. Therefore, it

would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was

made to implement the method of QoS in Lemaire's invention into Lin for guarantee the

connection of user to the network and protection the error.

- With respect to claim 5, Lin teaches a method and apparatus for providing computer

network, which is interpreted as a method of setting a user in a data communications network,

which comprises: at a service selection gateway (block 104 in Fig. 2) to which the user is in

communication a request from the user to communicate (step 200 in Fig. 3); and transmitting the

packets belonging to the at least one packet flow to the data communications network (e.g. the

packets are allowed to communicate with network). Lin fails to teach setting the QoS bits and

assigning a particular Quality of Service level to at least one packet flow transmitted by the user

within packets belonging to the at least one packet flow received at the service selection gateway

in accordance with the Quality of Service level. Lemaire teaches setting the QoS information in

header, which is interpreted as inserting bit into header, for data units that are associated with a

flow (col. 3, lines 41-44) for controlling protecting in the communication and guarantee the

service for the user. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art

at the time of the invention was made to implement the method of QoS in Lemaire's invention

into Lin for guarantee the connection of user to the network and protection the error.

- With respect to claims 6, 15-16, & 36, Lin discloses wherein all the packets of the at

least one packet flow in an IP packet (e.g. the packet in Lin's invention).

- With respect to claims 7, 17-18, & 37, Lin and Lemaire fail to explicitly teach wherein

the QoS bits are the precedence bits within the ToS/Differentiated Services field of the IP

packets, but it is inherently to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was

made to know the QoS bits are in the ToS/Differentiated Services field of the IP packet.

- With respect to claims 8 & 38, Lin teaches communicating between the service

selection gateway and an AAA server the request (e.g. Fig. 2 shows the communication between

the 102 and 104).

- With respect to claims 12 & 19, Lin discloses an apparatus communications system,

which comprises: a service selection gateway (104 in Fig. 2) in communication with the user

(108 in Fig. 2), the SSG also in communication with an authentication, authorization and

accounting (102 in Fig. 2) server, the SSG receiving a user service profile from the AAA server

in response to an attempt to log-in by the user (block 204 in Fig. 3); and a packet modifier

associated with the SSG (e.g. the packets is modified at network access server). Lin fails to

teach setting the QoS bits of packets. Lemaire teaches setting the QoS variables for data units

that are associated with a flow (col. 1, lines 30-41) for guarantee the quality of service and

connection to the user. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the

art at the time of the invention was made to implement the QoS method in Lemaire's invention

into Lin for protecting the connection of the user in network and guarantee for the quality of

service with the user.

    - With respect to claims 13, 14, & 21, Lin discloses wherein all packets transmitted by

the user to the data communications network via the SSG are modified (e.g. Fig. 2 shows the

transmitting by the user to the data communications network).

    - With respect to claims 20 & 22, Lin fails to teach wherein the QoS bit field is set to a

value specified in the QoS request. Lemaire teaches setting the QoS variables for data units that

are associated with a flow (col. 1, lines 30-41) for guarantee of communication and protection

the quality of connection in the data network. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person

of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the QoS bits with

setting to the value specified in the QoS request in the packet for protecting and guaranteeing the

communication during of congestion.

Allowable Subject Matter

3.   Claims 9-11, 23-30, & 39-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base

claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of

the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 12-22, 31-38 & 42-44 have been

considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure. See from PTO-892.

6.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to PHUC H TRAN whose telephone number is (703) 308-7471.
The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).
        If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be reached on (703) 308-5463. The fax phone numbers for the
organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular
communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.
        Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9314.

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